^rd January COURT NEWS

The Earl of Essex now prepares with all diligence for Ireland, and it were more than time he were there, for the rebels are grown so bold that not long since they fetched a* ay oie Archbishop of Dublin's cattle out of his yard close by St Patrick's Church in the suburbs of Dublin

One Peter Browne, a French post, is clapt up in the Gatehouse for juggling with the French ambassador's letters, who complains that his master's letters and his are usually opened before they come at them

It was expected that the Lord Treasurership should have been bestowed on the Lord Buclhurst for a New Year's gift, but it succeeded not, so that he must tarry the time, and it may light on him on the sudden when he doth least look for it, according to the custom of the Court that commonly knows not overnight what shall be done in the morning

tyb January OPINIONS CONCERNING THE IRISH EXPEDITION

Opinions upon the Irish expedition are diversely given There are some who would urgently dissuade my Lord of Essex from this Irish expedition, declaring that his absence would exulcerate the Queen's mind whereby it would not be possible for him to carry himself so as to give her sufficient contentment , nor for her to carry herself so as to give him sufficient countenance The Irish are such an enemy as the ancient Gauls or Britons or Germans were, yet the Romans (who had such discipline to govern their soldiers and the whole world in a manner to levy them), when they came to deal

with enemies which placed their natural felicity only in liberty and the sharpness of the sword and had the natural elemental advantages of woods and bogs and hardness of bodies, they e\er found they had their hands full of them They conclude therefore that his going over with such expectation as he hath, and through the churlishness of the enterprise not able to answer it, will